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Sir:

**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A NONSTATUTORY
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1. I, Beverly A. Lyman, the attorney of record for this invention, submit this disclaimer and certificate on behalf of the assignee, Mallinckrodt Inc., a Corporation of Delaware having its principal place of business at 675 McDonnell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63134, the Disclaimant herein.

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